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- The Research Institute for Shipping, Hydrology and Geology (Forschungsanstalt fuer Schifffahrt, Gewaesser- und Bodenkunde), Berlin-Baumschulenweg, Rodelberg 6, which is under the General Directorate for Shipping (GDS), urgently needs 1.5 metric tons of brass in bars (Plan Position Number 13 19 100) or brass scrap to fill [redacted]. The order is for the construction of the Foundation Engineering Laboratory (Grundbau-Laboratorium), which is to be constructed in East Berlin on the Rummelsburger See near Alt-Stralau. 1/ All materials except the 1.5 metric tons of brass are available from allocations of the GDS or at the order of the Ministry of the Interior.
  - VNB Schiffbergung und Taucherei Stralsund, which is also under the jurisdiction of the GDS, reclaims about 30 or 40 metric tons of nonferrous metal scrap each week from its salvage operations. The scrap is turned over to VHE Schrott. The GDS has therefore requested the Ministry of the Interior to direct VHE Schrott to make available 1.5 metric tons of brass scrap either to the GDS or directly to the Research Institute.
  - The construction of the Foundation Engineering Laboratory, including the delivery of important equipment for the Laboratory, is considered most important, since the Laboratory is to play an important role in making basic investigations of the foundation structure of the commercial port at Ruegen.

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